

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE GEOGRAPHY DIVISION  
for January 1959

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Completed Work

✓ Production of the Geography Division during January consisted of 1 Geographic Intelligence Review, 2 intelligence reports in the CIA/RR GR series, 1 NIS Chapter IX, 1 NIS Section 19 of Chapter I, 1 map and chart appraisal component of the NIS Chapter I Annual, and 6 geographic memoranda as follows:

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CIA/RR-MR-56	Geographic Intelligence Review	Routine
CIA/RR-GR-197	Agroclimatic Evaluation of the Soviet Corn Program	M/AG/RR
CIA/RR GR 59-1	The Distance Factor in the Placement of ICBM Launch Sites in the USSR	E/GM/RR and GM/SI
NIS 2 Ireland	Chapter IX (Sections 90, 91, 92)	NIS Program
NIS 2 Ireland	Section 19, Chapter I	NIS Program
NIS 26 USSR	Map and Chart Appraisal Component of Chapter I Annual	NIS Program
CIA/RR G/I 59-1	Ports of South Iran	OL/TD

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Reports of this Division will be numbered in accordance with the new system for ORR reports, as spelled out in the AD memorandum of 11 January.

B. Progress of Work in the Branches and Staffs

Near East/Africa Branch

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completed, edited and circulated. Research has begun on two articles that will be part of an all-Africa issue of the MR.

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program for Africa has been laid on and, as noted above, that part of it which specifies an MR on Africa has been started. [redacted] been made

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Branch. The rapidity of developments in Africa and increasing amount of written material available require greater attention

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Far East/Pacific Branch: Progress on intelligence production was about average. Project [redacted] was completed and [redacted]

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reproduction 22 January. One MR article of major stature -- Communist China's Minority-Area Policy in Perspective -- was completed in edited draft form for circulation and review. Solid developmental progress was made on the Administrative Atlas of Mainland China and on the Agroclimatic Study of Chinese Agriculture. Efforts in the field of coordination of intelligence production occupied an increased amount of time. Progress was also made on a number of small projects that should be completed within the next two months.

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Calligraphy for the Chinese characters on aprons of the province maps, for the China Mainland: Provisional Atlas of Communist Administrative Units, [redacted] memorandum of appreciation for her services was forwarded.

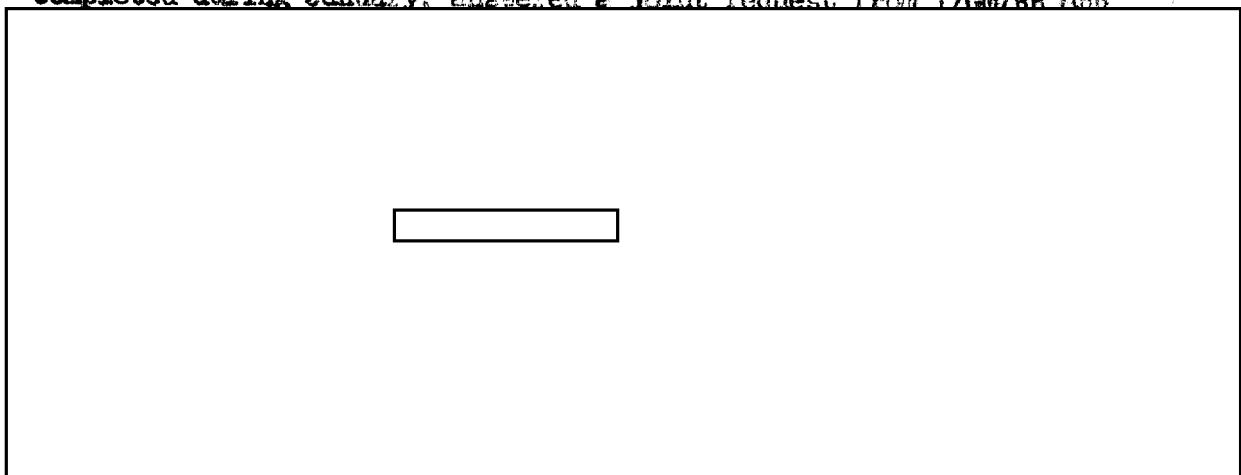
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USSR Branch: Production proceeded at a steady pace during the month. Four geographic memoranda were forwarded to PIC in answer to their request for information on general setting, soils, geology, and

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hydrography for selected areas in the USSR. CIA/RR-GR-197, Agroclimatic Evaluation of the Soviet Corn Production, was disseminated. The Distance Factor in the Placement of ICBM Launch Sites in the USSR, CIA/RR GR 59-1, completed during January, answered a joint request from T/GM/RR and

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Special Research Staff: Activities were undertaken on a number of problems concerning Antarctica, coordination of geodetic research and data collection, and intelligence relative to trade controls. The Report on Antarctica to the National Security Council containing a substantial contribution by OBI was adopted by the Operations Coordinating Board and forwarded to the NSC. Meetings were attended to assist in the planning of a U.S. Antarctic mapping program as an offset to a Soviet challenge to assume leadership. Meetings were also attended with Air Technical Intelligence Center and AFTRI that point to closer coordination of geodetic intelligence research.

25X1A9 [redacted] attended planning meetings on NIE 11-6-59, and the Staff will submit a contribution by 13 March. Effort was devoted to further analytical research on the Ecuador-Peru Boundary problem.

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[redacted] Consideration is given to issuing a G-2 geographic memorandum on this boundary question, as it will be of value to others than the Department of State.

Coordination Staff: Chapter IV for NIS 2, Ireland, was forwarded to OBI in January. The coordination of Chapter IX of NIS 102, the Southwest Pacific Islands, has been delayed because of pressure of immediate Section 19 and Section 19 Annual deadlines. Chapter II of NIS 70 is being prepared for G-2 review and will be distributed during the first week of February; the due date of February 14, 1961.

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Section 19 of NIS 2, Ireland, and the Section 19 portion of the Chapter I Annual for NIS 26, U.S.S.R., were forwarded to OBI in January.

Editing and Review Staff: In addition to completed studies mentioned above, one Geographic Intelligence Review, ME-56, was disseminated. The revision of The Soviet Arctic is still being revised in line with suggestions of coordinates, and China Mainland: Provisional Atlas

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Register in order to permit the rank-and-file analyst (i.e., one not  
25X1A [redacted] to utilize this material. This is not  
to cast blame on Graphics Register. If an accessible Central Branch  
cannot be provided, it is recommended that consideration should be given  
to providing a room or special PIC clearance and would permit them to  
confer with PIC personnel and to examine and use photography which now  
is available to them only through Graphics Register.

A book, ordered on loan on 29 October from the CIA Library, and  
which was changed to a RUSH inter-library loan on 6 November, was  
received on 12 January, from the Library of Congress. The poor nature  
of this service was called to the attention of [redacted] 25X1A9A  
Reference Librarian, who was very glad to have the information as an example  
of miscarriage of service. New service procedures are being set up, and  
wants to know about inadequacies.

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